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REPORT

TOPIC DESSAU Airfield

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REFERENCES

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ENCLOSURES (NO. & TYPE)

1 diagram

REMARKS

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- 25X1 1. Improvements were being made at the DESSAU (M 52/E 06) airfield. About two hundred workers were engaged in reconditioning and extending the taxiway.* Ditches, 10 to 16 feet wide and 10 to 13 feet deep, were being excavated in the northern section of the airfield, starting almost in the middle of the field, and extending toward the runway.* Two railroad tank cars were standing on the spur track. Obstacle lights were in operation at night. The boundary lights were destroyed. No radio station was observed.
2. Two biplanes and thirty-six single-engine fighters were parked on the eastern edge of the field. Of these fighters, 24 had red and 3 blue propeller hubs. Description of the 27 fighters:**
- radial engine, three-bladed propeller, large propeller hub, trapezoidal wings slightly dihedral. Straight trailing edge of elevator assembly, triangular rudder assembly with rounded-off trailing edge, landing gear and tail wheel retractable, the latter covered with sheet metal. Detached single-seat cockpit with rear section fairing into fuselage. Device, similar to a searchlight, apparently a Revi, forward of cockpit (see Annex). Cut, similar to machine gun or cannon aperture, in engine cowling, static tube at right wing, antenna leading to rudder assembly, stubby and clumsy fuselage. Bomb rack or extra tank at bottom of fuselage, almost at center of gravity (suspension hook and side brace). Radiator at bottom of fuselage in line with trailing edge of wings, [redacted]
- 25X1 [redacted] Some planes had two diagonal red stripes on a yellow field on the rudder assembly.
- 25X1 3. There were six more aircraft with two-seat cockpits, no bomb rack under fuselage, radiator under fuselage in line with center of wings, red propeller hubs, [redacted]
- 25X1 [redacted] three more aircraft of the same type had a somewhat lower landing gear and two-bladed propellers.

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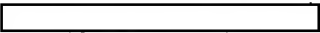
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4. Eighty to a hundred air force officers arrived by truck and bus from ALTEN (D 52/E 06) at 12:30 p.m. There was flying with 18 aircraft. These single-seat fighters took off in elements of two from the sodded landing field and later landed individually. The two-seat fighters individually circled the airfield.

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* a. The construction work on the taxiway (probably extension in accordance with lengthening of the runway) was confirmed  The excavation of deep ditches in the northern section of the airfield was reported for the first time. Fuel containers are possibly to be installed there.

** b. Report confirms observation on 21 September 1949 of the occupation of the airfield by a fighter unit. According to the description of the aircraft, the unit is equipped with LA-9s.

1 Annex: Partial Side View of Fighter Aircraft Observed at the DESSAU Airfield.

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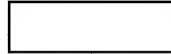


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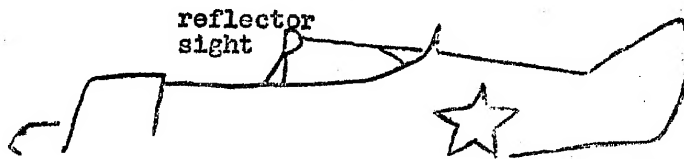
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